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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Minoru NISHIDA et al. Confirmation No: 1662
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Title : METHOD FOR PREPARING FRY COOKED PRODUCT
AND FRY COOKING DEVICE

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Examiner : D.E. Becker

Docket No.: : NISH3003/REF
Customer No: : 23364

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of August 16, 2006, in connection with the above identified application. This response is timely filed.

The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are three separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elect the Group II invention which includes claims 10-15, 34-35, 44-45, and 47-48, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected inventions at a later time.

In view of the election of the Group II invention, without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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